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EMPLOYMENT IN 27 INDUSTRIES RISES 3.31% IN 2022-23: RBI DATA

The number of persons employed in 27 industries comprising the entire Indian economy increased by 3.31% year-on-year to 59.66 crore. The 27 industries are aggregated to form six broad sectors. 'Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing', one of the six sectors, employed 25.3 crore people, up from 24.82 crore in 2021-22. The other five sectors are mining and quarrying, manufacturing, electricity, gas and water supply, construction, and service | P13

Modi, Putin hold informal talks ahead of summit

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin congratulated visiting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for winning a third consecutive term in office, as the two leaders hugged when they met in Moscow on Monday and spoke over a round of tea. "Welcome to Russia, my dear friend, very happy to see you," said Putin.

"Tomorrow we will have official talks, but today we will have an informal round like one does at home," said Putin, who hosted a dinner in the prime minister's honour.

Modi thanked Putin for inviting him to his house. "I am happy to be at your house where we can sit and chit-chat. Thank you," said Modi.

The PM was received at the Moscow airport by Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Dennis Manturov. While driving through Moscow, members of the Indian community waved at him, chanting 'Modi, Modi'.

This is Modi's first visit to Moscow in five years (the last time was in 2019 when he visited Vladivostok). Modi and Putin will take part in the 22nd India Russia Summit on Tuesday.

"Looking forward to further deepening the special and privileged strategic partnership between our nations, especially in futuristic areas of cooperation," Modi posted on X after reaching

PM Narendra Modi welcomed by Russian President Vladimir Putin at Novo-Ogaryovo in Moscow on Monday | PTI

Moscow. "The focus of the visit is the economic agenda, which includes energy, trade, manufacturing and fertilisers. Besides, Modi will reiterate that a solution to the Ukrainian war cannot be found on the battlefield," according to a source.

On Tuesday, Modi will lay a wreath on the 'Tomb of the Unknown Soldier' followed by a visit to the Rosatom Pavilion. He will have a restricted meeting with Putin in the afternoon before delegation-level talks.

"No joint communication with the media is foreseen. But we expect an extended exchange of views at both the private and extended sessions, which will largely compensate for the lack of statements to the media," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was quoted as saying by the state-owned TASS.

5 jawans killed as terrorists ambush Army convoy in Kathua

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TERRORISTS ambushed an Army convoy on Monday in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, killing five soldiers and injuring five others.

It comes after the two-day-long twin encounters in Kulgam in south Kashmir ended on Sunday night in which eight people, including six terrorists and two soldiers, were killed.

Sources said a band of heavily armed terrorists ambushed the convoy on Machedi Kindli-Malhar road near Badnotta village in Kathua district around 3.30 pm. The terrorists fired automatic guns and lobbed grenades towards the army vehicles. "In the attack, four soldiers including a Junior Commissioned Officer were killed and six sustained injuries," an official said.

After the ambush, there was a brief exchange of gunfire before the terrorists slipped into a nearby forest. The injured were rushed to a military hospital. Doctors said the condition of two of them are critical. One of the soldiers died in hospital.

The Army, local police and the Central Reserve Police Force have launched a massive search operation to track down the terrorists. The team of elite para commandos rushed to the area to assist the security forces in the hunt for the terrorists. The security forces were using drones and other surveillance

A soldier injured during Monday's attack being taken for treatment | PTI

equipment to track down the terrorists, who are suspected to be part of a group whose two members were killed in an encounter by security forces in Kathua last month. Two terrorists and a CRPF jawan were killed in that attack.

Immediately after the Monday's attack, senior officers visited the area to take stock of the situation. "The officials are probing what kind of rifles and ammunition was used by the militants. They are also probing whether armour-piercing bullets were used to pierce the bullet-proof vests of the Army men," sources said. P9

EXPRESS READ

NEET: SC asks Centre, NTA to file status report

Nwe Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday asked the CBI to file a status report on the probe into the paper leak case pertaining to NEET-UG FIRs by Wednesday | P9

SC: Frame policy on menstrual leave

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Centre to frame a model policy on menstrual leave for employees by consulting states, other stakeholders | P9

RAIN DROWNS MUMBAI

Passengers wait for trains at a waterlogged railway station in Thane, as heavy rain disrupts suburban rail operations in Mumbai on Monday. Powai recorded the highest rainfall of 315 mm in 24 hours | PTI | P10

Rahul urges PM to visit Manipur victims

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

LEADER of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday met displaced Meiteis and Kukis at relief camps in Manipur, and urged PM Modi to visit the state and try to understand the situation there.

"It is important that the PM comes to Manipur, listens to the people, to try and understand what is going on here. After all, Manipur is a proud state of the Indian Union," he told the media in Imphal.

"...I request him to take one day, two days of his time and just come and listen to the people. It will comfort them. They all want him to come. Perhaps, the entire country wants him to visit Manipur," he added.

Stating that he was expecting some improvement in the situation but was quite disappointed to see it nowhere near what it should be, he said he came to listen to the people and build confidence in them.

Siddu holds day-long meet, raps babus for 'poor' show

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

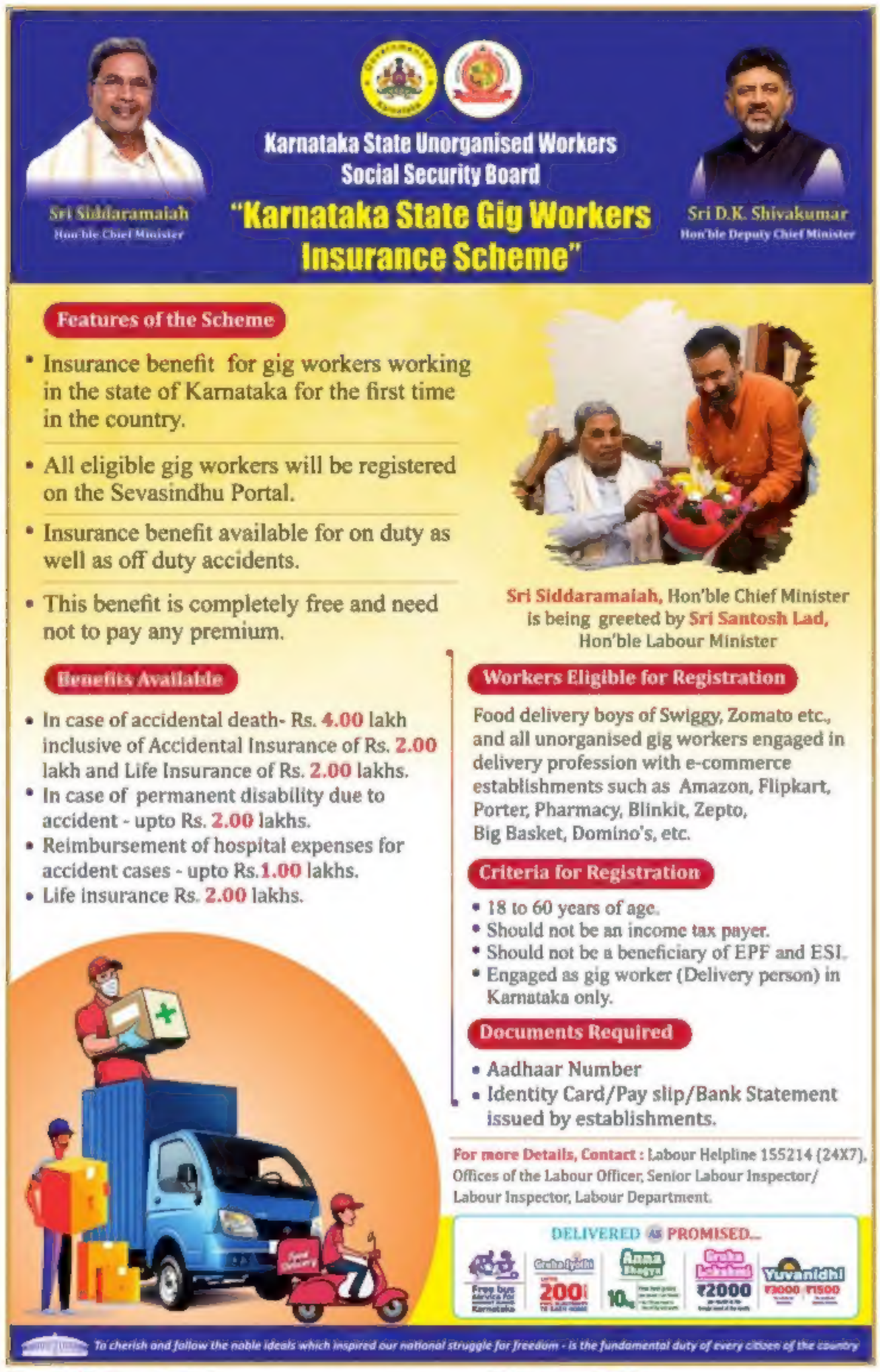
KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday took deputy commissioners, CEOs of zilla panchayats and other officials to task over increasing cases of dengue across the state, poor drought and flood management, dip in SSLC results, and problems faced by people, including farmers and senior citizens, in getting benefits of various schemes of the state government.

Siddaramaiah held a meeting with them for more than 10 hours, where he reviewed the progress achieved in the implementation of various schemes and projects. The meeting will end on Tuesday.

During the day-long meeting, the CM directed the officials to speed up work on various schemes and projects and dispose of applications without any delay. He warned them that stern action would be taken against them if there were lapses on their part.

He told them to act against their staff for slackness in discharging duties. He also instructed them to ensure that farmers and beneficiaries of various schemes are not put to hardship in government offices. CONTINUED ON: P4

CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar share a light moment at a meeting in Bengaluru on Monday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Karnataka State Unorganised Workers Social Security Board
"Karnataka State Gig Workers Insurance Scheme"
Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Features of the Scheme
• Insurance benefit for gig workers working in the state of Karnataka for the first time in the country.
• All eligible gig workers will be registered on the Sevasindhu Portal.
• Insurance benefit available for on duty as well as off duty accidents.
• This benefit is completely free and need not to pay any premium.
Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister is being greeted by Sri Santosh Lad, Hon'ble Labour Minister
Benefits Available
• In case of accidental death- Rs. 4.00 lakh inclusive of Accidental Insurance of Rs. 2.00 lakh and Life Insurance of Rs. 2.00 lakhs.
• In case of permanent disability due to accident - upto Rs. 2.00 lakhs.
• Reimbursement of hospital expenses for accident cases - upto Rs.1.00 lakhs.
• Life insurance Rs. 2.00 lakhs.
Workers Eligible for Registration
Food delivery boys of Swiggy, Zomato etc., and all unorganised gig workers engaged in delivery profession with e-commerce establishments such as Amazon, Flipkart, Porter, Pharmacy, Blinkit, Zepto, Big Basket, Domino's, etc.
Criteria for Registration
• 18 to 60 years of age.
• Should not be an income tax payer.
• Should not be a beneficiary of EPF and ESI.
• Engaged as gig worker (Delivery person) in Karnataka only.
Documents Required
• Aadhaar Number
• Identity Card/Pay slip/Bank Statement issued by establishments.
For more Details, Contact : Labour Helpline 155214 (24X7), Offices of the Labour Officer, Senior Labour Inspector/ Labour Inspector, Labour Department.
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Gruha Jyothi upto 200 units
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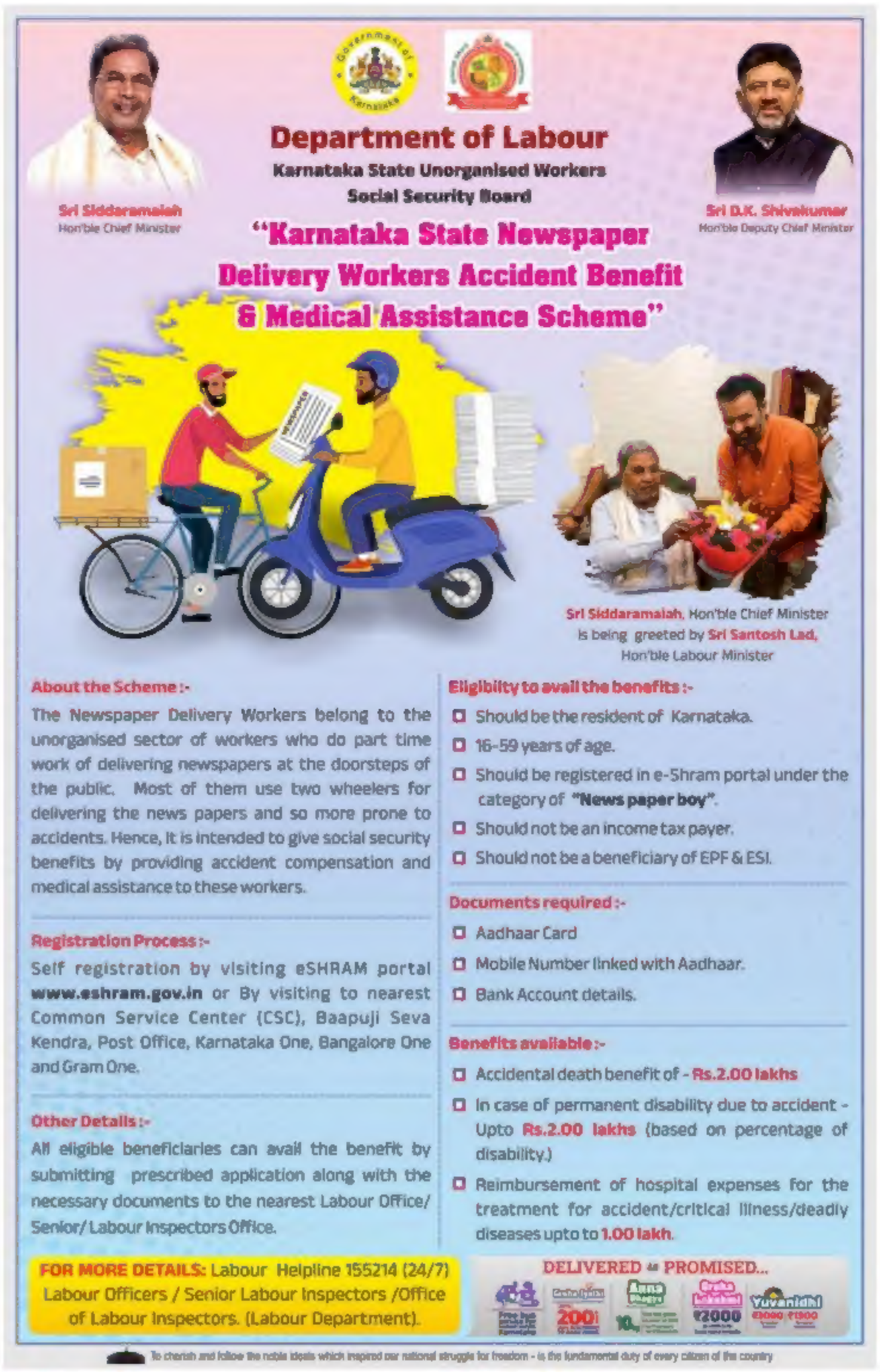
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"Karnataka State Newspaper Delivery Workers Accident Benefit & Medical Assistance Scheme"
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About the Scheme :-
The Newspaper Delivery Workers belong to the unorganised sector of workers who do part time work of delivering newspapers at the doorsteps of the public. Most of them use two wheelers for delivering the news papers and so more prone to accidents. Hence, it is intended to give social security benefits by providing accident compensation and medical assistance to these workers.
Registration Process :-
Self registration by visiting eSHRAM portal www.eshram.gov.in or By visiting to nearest Common Service Center (CSC), Baapuji Seva Kendra, Post Office, Karnataka One, Bangalore One and Gram One.
Other Details :-
All eligible beneficiaries can avail the benefit by submitting prescribed application along with the necessary documents to the nearest Labour Office/ Senior/ Labour Inspectors Office.
Eligibility to avail the benefits :-
Should be the resident of Karnataka.
16-59 years of age.
Should be registered in e-Shram portal under the category of "News paper boy".
Should not be an income tax payer.
Should not be a beneficiary of EPF & ESI.
Documents required :-
Aadhaar Card
Mobile Number linked with Aadhaar.
Bank Account details.
Benefits available :-
Accidental death benefit of - Rs.2.00 lakhs
In case of permanent disability due to accident - Upto Rs.2.00 lakhs (based on percentage of disability.)
Reimbursement of hospital expenses for the treatment for accident/critical illness/deadly diseases upto to 1.00 lakh.
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